

## Assembly Joint Resolution No. 23

### RESOLUTION CHAPTER 1

Assembly Joint Resolution No. 23—Relative to economic development.

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#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 23, John A. Pérez. Economic development.

This bill would urge the United States Patent and Trademark Office to place a satellite office in California.

WHEREAS, California is at the forefront of the innovation economy; and

WHEREAS, Northern California is the birthplace of biotechnology, inventors and leaders in high technology, and the burgeoning field of green technology; and

WHEREAS, Central California is home to much of our nation’s food supply; and

WHEREAS, Southern California is home to pioneers and leaders of the entertainment industry, biomedical devices, and the aerospace industry; and

WHEREAS, California entrepreneurs and companies continue to innovate and expand; and

WHEREAS, In 2010, California received 30,080 patents, representing 25 percent of all patents granted in the United States and more than four times the number of any other state; and

WHEREAS, California has many of the top-ranked universities in the country for engineering, science, and the law that produce the educated workforce necessary to staff a satellite office of the United States Patent and Trademark Office; and

WHEREAS, Many of the highest ranking law firms in intellectual property and patent law all have offices in California; and

WHEREAS, The landscape of California is incredibly diverse; and

WHEREAS, California is the transportation hub of the west coast with 11 ports, 29 commercial airports, 170 commuter trains, 38 intercity trains, and 16,662.16 miles of state highway; and

WHEREAS, Most of the foreign patent filings come from countries in Asia, and California’s proximity to Asia is a key reason our major cities have well-established business networks within Asia; and, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly,* That the Legislature of California stands committed to fostering the economic and business environment necessary to continue promoting the innovation economy in our state and urges the United States Patent and Trademark Office to place a satellite office in California; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and to the author for appropriate distribution.

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